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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In October 2004, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **four (4) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 4 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Sky High International is recalling Care Bear Lunch Kits sold at Kohl's Department Stores. #05-012
- ❖ IKEA Home Furnishings is recalling Fargglad Multi-Color Children's Chairs. #05-013
- ❖ Tai Tung International is recalling Car and Washing Machine Toys. #05-020
- ❖ International Playthings, Inc. is recalling Rattles. #05-024

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 05-012 Sky High International LLC, of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 13,000 Care Bear Lunch Kits with water bottles. The recalled purple and blue lunch bags are about 9-inches tall and have a rainbow strap. A multi-colored, shiny-plastic front displays Care Bears characters and the name "Care Bears." The lunch bags are insulated and have a netted side pocket used to hold a 6 oz. water bottle. They were sold at Kohl's Department Stores nationwide from July 2004 through September 2004 for about \$13. The lunch kits were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The pull-up drinking spout can detach from the bottle, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers are advised to stop using the water bottles immediately and contact Sky High International for a refund of the water bottle. Call Sky High International at (800) 868-7870 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit Kohl's Web site at [www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05012.html>

**Release Number:** 05-013 Home Furnishings of Plymouth Meeting, Penn. is voluntarily recalling about 7,279 Fargglad multi-color children's chairs. Fargglad multi-color children's chairs have the article number 400.548.40 and the supplier number (either 16592 or 17128) on a label on one of the chair's rear legs, or on the underside of the chair seat. The chair has a tubular steel frame with woven multi-color solid plastic piping used for the chair's seat and back. The plastic feet are red. IKEA stores sold the recalled children's chair from May 2003 through September 18, 2004, for about \$15. They were manufactured in Vietnam

(supplier number 17128) or China (supplier number 16592).

**Problem:** Choking hazard from red plastic feet that can detach from chair legs.

**What to do:** Take the Fargglad multi-color children's chair away from young children immediately and return it to the "Returns and Exchanges" department at any IKEA U.S. store for a full refund. Call IKEA at (888) 966-4532 anytime, or visit the IKEA web site at [www.IKEA-USA.com](http://www.IKEA-USA.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05013.html>

**Release Number:** 05-020 Tai Tung International, Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 128,880 Toy Ice Cream Car, Police Car and Washing Machine. The recall includes an ice cream car, police car and a toy washing machine. The multicolored cars are about 5-inches long and contain various stickers. The pink, white, or red toy washing machines are 4.5-inches high. The toys make animal and music sounds. When the music and animal sounds play, lights flash and the toy's multicolored beads can be seen moving inside. "CE" and "MADE IN CHINA" are written on the battery cover. They were sold at toy and discount stores nationwide from June 2000 through September 2004 for about \$3. The toys were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The multicolored beads inside the toys can become accessible to children, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from young children and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. Call Tai Tung at (800) 516-2988 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT or e-mail the company at [sales@toystoreonline.com](mailto:sales@toystoreonline.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/05/05020.html>

**Release Number:** 05-024 International Playthings Inc., of Parsippany, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 1,600 Earlyyears® Spirolly Rattle. The recalled product is a rattle designed for children ages 3 months and up. It is approximately 5.5-inches long with a clear, spiral tube in the center containing eight yellow and purple balls inside that travel around the spiral. The ends of the rattle are green and purple and orange and yellow. The straight center tube is blue with a shaker inside. The item number E00148 is written on the packaging. They were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide from August 2004 through September 2004 for about \$9. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The spiral section of the rattle can come apart, releasing small balls inside. This can pose a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled rattle away from young children and contact International Playthings for a refund or replacement. Consumers should contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.intplay.com/recall](http://www.intplay.com/recall)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/05/05024.html>

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